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In re application of: John E. Mobley, et al. Docket: 102419-100
Serial No.: 10/732,841 Art Unit: 3679
Filed: December 10, 2003 Examiner: Nicholson, Eric K.
Title: GAS IMPERMEABLE TUBE JOINT AND METHOD OF FORMING
SAME
Confirmation No.: 6693

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(1) Fax Cover Sheet (1 page); (2) Amendment Transmittal Letter (3 pages); and (3) Response to Final Office Action (8 pages).	
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fees have been calculated as shown below:

1. Small Entity Status

Applicant claims small entity status.

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2. Claim Fees

CLAIM AMENDMENT FEE CALCULATION						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Minus	Highest Number Previously paid for	No. of extra claims present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	18		22	-4	\$18.00	0
Independent Claims	2		3	-1	\$86.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims (if any)			0	\$290.00	0	
Subtotal				\$0.00		
Reduction for Small Entity by 50%				0		
TOTAL				\$0.00		

No additional claim fees are required.

3. Extension of Time

Applicant requests under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) to extend the Period for filing a response in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows:

Requested Extension	Fee	Small-Entity Fee
<input type="checkbox"/> One month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Two months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Three months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Four months	\$1480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Five months	\$2010.00	\$1005.00
Extension Fee Total		

4. Terminal Disclaimer

A Terminal Disclaimer is attached for which the appropriate fee is:
 Non Small-Entity \$110.00
 Small Entity \$55.00

5. The following additional items are enclosed:

Small Entity Statement

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6. Payment of Fees

The total of fees due under Sections 1-4, above, is 0.00 .

A check in amount of the total of fees due is attached.

Please charge \$0. to Deposit Account No. 23-1665. An additional copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1665.

Respectfully submitted,
John E. Mobley, et al.

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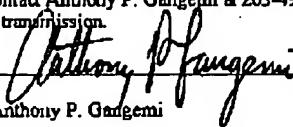
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for Letters Patent and in response to the Final Office Action dated September 29, 2004, for which a response is due on or before December 29, 2004, please enter and consider the following Amendment and Remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.